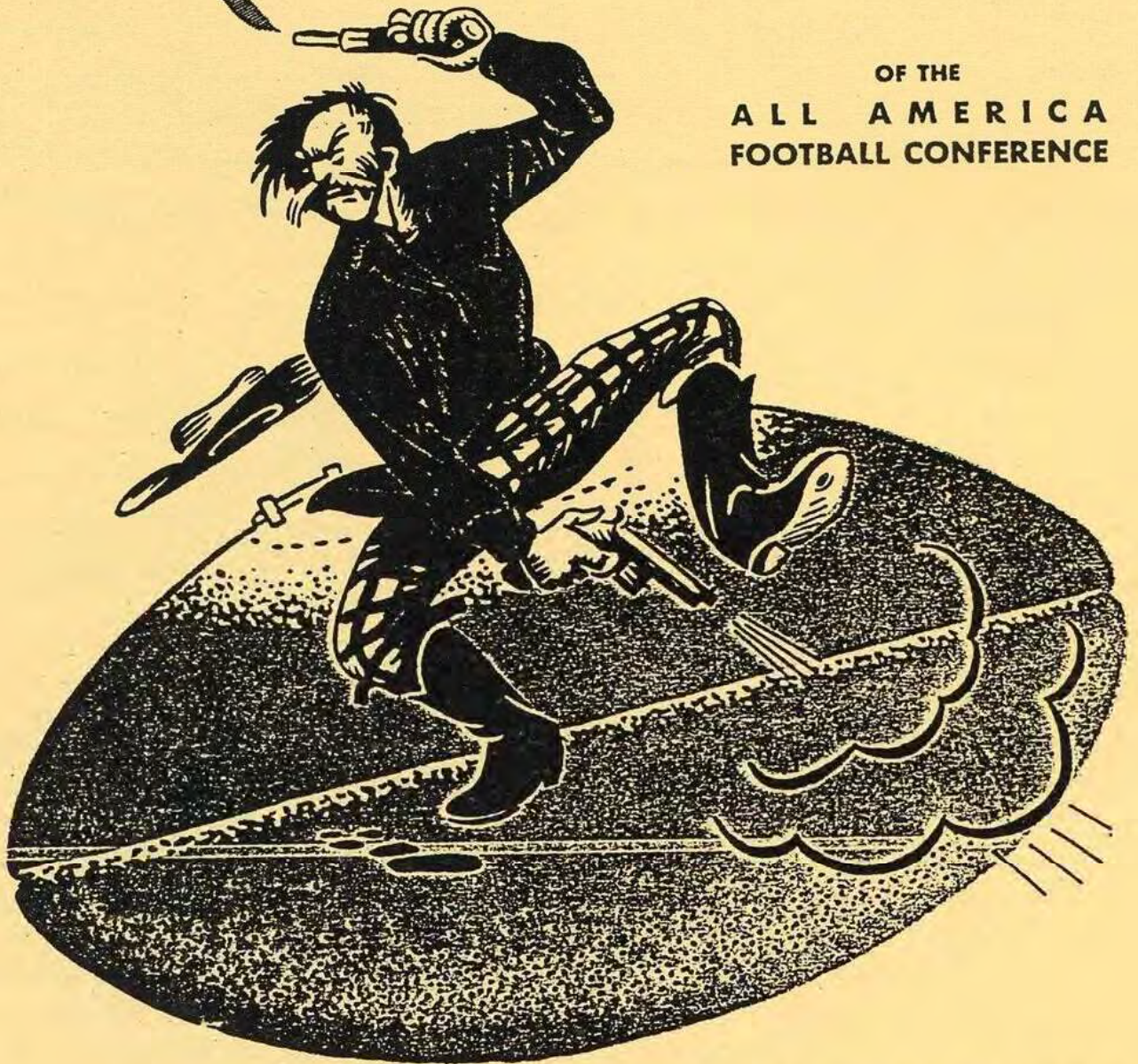


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*Official Name*.....San Francisco Forty Niners  
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*Familiar Name*.....The Forty Niners  
*Located at*.....212 Stockton Street, San Francisco 8, Calif.  
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## 1947 SCHEDULE

AT HOME			ON ROAD		
		P.M.			P.M.
Sun., Aug. 31	Brooklyn Dodgers	2:30	Sun., Sept. 28	Buffalo Bisons	2:00
Sun., Sept. 7	Los Angeles Dons	2:30	Sun., Oct. 5	Baltimore Colts	2:00
Sun., Sept. 14	Baltimore Colts	2:30	Sun., Nov. 2	Los Angeles Dons	2:00
Sun., Sept. 21	New York Yankees	2:30	Sun., Nov. 9	New York Yankees	2:00
Sun., Oct. 12	Chicago Rockets	2:30	Sun., Nov. 16	Cleveland Browns	1:00
Sun., Oct. 26	Cleveland Browns	2:30	Fri., Nov. 21	Chicago Rockets	8:15
Sun., Dec. 7	Buffalo Bisons	2:00	Thanksgiving	Brooklyn Dodgers	2:00

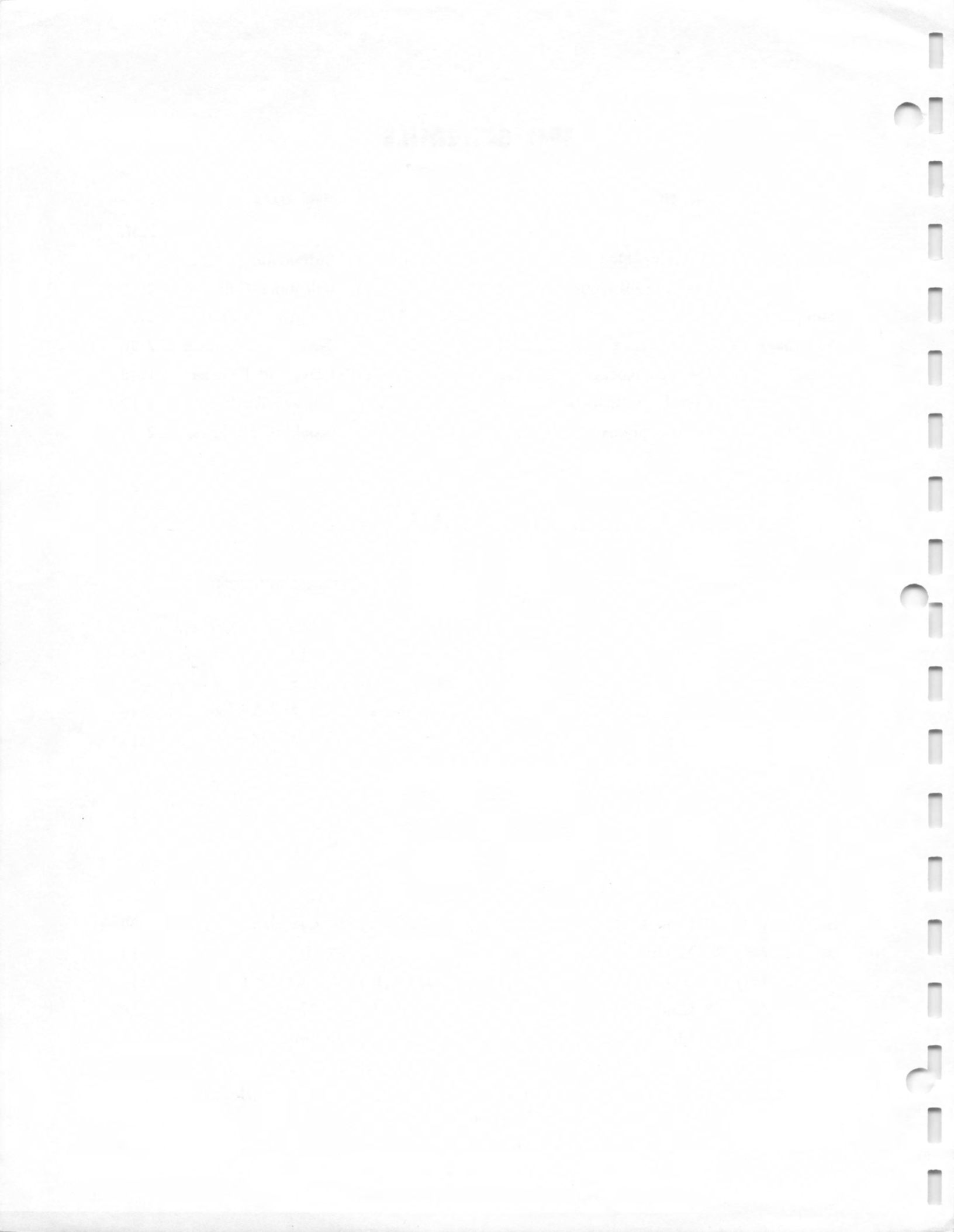
## A.A.C. 1946 STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION						WESTERN DIVISION					
	Won	Lost	Tied	Points			Won	Lost	Tied	Points	
				For	Against					For	Against
New York	10	3	1	270	192	Cleveland	12	2	0	423	137
Brooklyn	3	10	1	226	339	San Francisco	9	5	0	307	189
Buffalo	3	10	1	249	370	Los Angeles	7	5	2	305	290
Miami	3	11	0	167	378	Chicago	5	6	3	263	315

## 1946 SCORES

Won 9, Lost 5.

Sept. 8 (H) 7	New York	21	Oct. 27 (A) 34	Cleveland	20
Sept. 15 (H) 21	Miami	14	Nov. 2 (H) 27	Buffalo	14
Sept. 22 (H) 32	Brooklyn	13	Nov. 10 (H) 7	Cleveland	14
Sept. 29 (A) 7	Chicago	21	Nov. 17 (A) 9	New York	10
Oct. 8 (A) 34	Miami	7	Nov. 24 (A) 30	Brooklyn	14
Oct. 12 (A) 28	Los Angeles	14	Nov. 30 (H) 14	Chicago	0
Oct. 19 (A) 14	Buffalo	17	Dec. 8 (H) 48	Los Angeles	7



# THE ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

## 1947 Conference Schedule — Second Season

- Aug. 29—Los Angeles at Chicago\*  
31—Brooklyn at San Francisco  
31—New York at Buffalo
- Sept. 5—Buffalo at Cleveland\*  
5—Chicago at New York\*  
7—Brooklyn at Baltimore  
7—Los Angeles at San Francisco
- Sept. 12—Cleveland at Brooklyn\*  
12—New York at Los Angeles\*  
14—Baltimore at San Francisco  
14—Chicago at Buffalo
- Sept. 19—Brooklyn at Los Angeles\*  
19—Buffalo at Chicago\*  
21—Baltimore at Cleveland  
21—New York at San Francisco
- Sept. 26—Cleveland at Chicago\*  
28—San Francisco at Buffalo\*  
28—New York at Baltimore
- Oct. 3—Brooklyn at Chicago\*  
5—Buffalo at Los Angeles  
5—New York at Cleveland  
5—San Francisco at Baltimore
- Oct. 12—Baltimore at Buffalo  
12—Brooklyn at New York  
12—Chicago at San Francisco  
12—Los Angeles at Cleveland
- Oct. 17—Buffalo at Brooklyn\*  
19—Chicago at Cleveland  
19—Los Angeles at Baltimore
- Oct. 24—New York at Chicago\*  
26—Baltimore at Los Angeles  
26—Brooklyn at Buffalo  
26—Cleveland at San Francisco
- Oct. 31—Chicago at Brooklyn\*  
Nov. 2—Baltimore at New York  
2—Cleveland at Buffalo  
2—San Francisco at Los Angeles
- Nov. 7—Baltimore at Chicago\*  
9—Brooklyn at Cleveland  
9—Los Angeles at Buffalo  
9—San Francisco at New York
- Nov. 16—Baltimore at Brooklyn  
16—Los Angeles at New York  
16—San Francisco at Cleveland
- Nov. 21—San Francisco at Chicago\*  
23—Buffalo at Baltimore  
23—Cleveland at New York  
23—Los Angeles at Brooklyn
- Nov. 27—Cleveland at Los Angeles\*\*  
27—San Francisco at Brooklyn\*\*  
30—Buffalo at New York  
30—Chicago at Baltimore
- Dec. 7—Buffalo at San Francisco  
7—Chicago at Los Angeles  
7—Cleveland at Baltimore  
7—New York at Brooklyn
- Dec. 14—Championship game, winner of Eastern vs. winner of Western division.

\*Friday night games.

\*\*Thanksgiving Day games.

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### SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS

Lv.: San Francisco.....September 26—Via T.W.A., 0001.  
 Arr.: Buffalo.....September 26—Statler Hotel, 1:00 P.M.  
 Dept.: Buffalo.....September 29—2:00 P.M., for Riverside Hotel (Cam-  
 bridge Springs, Pa.)  
 At: Cambridge Springs until Saturday, October 4—10:00 A.M.  
 Dept.: Erie, Pa.....Via T.W.A. for Baltimore, 10:00 A.M.  
 Arr.: Baltimore.....October 4—11:45 A.M.—Sheraton Belvedere Hotel.  
 Dept.: Baltimore.....October 5—10:00 P.M., Via T.W.A.  
 Arr.: San Francisco.....October 6—6:00 A.M.  
 At: San Francisco until Saturday, November 1.  
 Dept.: San Francisco.....November 1—2:00 P.M., Via T.W.A.  
 Arr.: Green Hotel, Pasadena.....November 1—4:00 P.M., Via T.W.A.  
 Dept.: Los Angeles.....November 2 (Sunday)—10:00 P.M., for S. F.  
 Lv.: San Francisco.....November 7 (Friday) for N.Y.C. (Bear Mountain Inn.)  
 At: Bear Mountain until November 15.  
 Lv.: New York City.....November 15 (for Cleveland) (Statler Hotel.)  
 Lv.: Cleveland.....November 17 (for Chicago) (Olympia F'd C'try Club)  
 At: Olympia Field Country Club until Friday, Nov. 21. Stevens Hotel night of Nov. 21.  
 Lv.: Chicago.....November 22 (for New York) (Bear Mountain Inn.)  
 At: Bear Mountain Inn until November 27.  
 Dept.: Brooklyn.....November 27—10:00 P.M., for San Francisco.  
 At: HOME from then on (Merry Christmas).

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# 1946 SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS STATISTICS

## TOTAL OFFENSE

	Plays	Rush.	Pass.	Total
1. Albert	266	-10	1404	1394
2. Beals	2	-7	-----	-7
3. Casanega	29	90	-----	90
4. Durdan	32	132	-----	132
5. Eshmont	75	340	42	382
6. Freitas	50	-21	234	213
7. Francheschi	8	-5	-----	-5
8. Hall	25	31	15	46
9. Mathews	19	94	26	120
10. Parsons	74	362	-----	362
11. Renfro	18	85	-----	85
12. Roskie	9	16	-----	16
13. Strzykalski	79	346	-----	346
14. Standlee	134	651	-----	651
15. Titchenal	1	2	-----	2
16. Vetrano	23	69	-----	69

## RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Albert	69	193	2.7
Beals	2	-----	-----
Casanega	29	96	3.3
Durdan	32	137	4.3
Eshmont	73	360	4.9
Freitas	6	5	-0.8
Francheschi	8	13	1.6
Hall	17	47	2.7
Mathews	18	100	5.5
Parsons	74	392	5.2
Renfro	18	90	5.0
Roskie	9	26	2.8
Strzykalski	79	357	4.5
Standlee	134	683	5.1
Titchenal	1	2	2.0
Vetrano	23	82	3.5

## PASSING

	Att.	Cp.	Int.	Yds.	Tds.	Pct.
1. Albert	197	104	14	1404	14	.529
2. Eshmont	2	1	0	42	1	.500
3. Freitas	44	22	7	234	3	.500
4. Hall	8	2	0	15	-----	.250
5. Mathews	1	1	0	26	-----	.1000

## PUNTING

	No.	Avg.
1. Albert	54	41.0
2. Durdan	6	39.8
3. Standlee	1	34.0
4. Vetrano	6	39.3

## KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Albert	4	74	18.5
2. Casanega	3	61	20.3
3. Eshmont	10	264	26.4
4. Gregory	1	-----	-----
5. Hall	1	22	22.0
6. Kuzman	1	8	8.0
7. Parsons	4	94	23.5
8. Renfro	1	20	20.0
9. Strzykalski	7	142	20.6
10. Suscoff	1	10	10.0
11. Standlee	1	33	33.0
12. Vetrano	3	49	16.3

## RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Tds.
1. Beals	40	586	10
2. Balatti	4	15	-----
3. Casanega	5	102	1
4. Durdan	2	27	1
5. Eshmont	17	287	2

6. Fisk	19	186	1
7. Francheschi	3	35	1
8. Hall	2	25	-----
9. Norberg	3	29	-----
10. Parsons	8	52	-----
11. Strzykalski	9	80	-----
12. Suscoff	5	98	-----
13. Standlee	2	-5	-----
14. Titchenal	7	160	2
15. Vetrano	4	37	-----

## PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Albert	1	6	6
2. Casanega	18	248	14
3. Durdan	3	37	12
4. Eshmont	2	25	12
5. Freitas	1	10	10
6. Francheschi	1	6	6
7. Parsons	15	198	13
8. Strzykalski	3	26	8
9. Vetrano	7	84	12

## INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No.	Yds.
1. Bassi	1	2
2. Casanega	8	146
3. Durdan	2	38
4. Elston	1	34
5. Freitas	2	40
6. Norberg	1	22
7. Strzykalski	3	55
8. Vetrano	3	32

## PUNTING

	No.	Avg.
1. Albert	54	41.0
2. Durdan	6	39.6
3. Standlee	1	34.0
4. Vetrano	6	39.6

## KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Albert	4	74	18.5
2. Casanega	3	61	20.3
3. Eshmont	10	264	26.4
4. Gregory	1	0	-----
5. Hall	1	22	22.0
6. Kuzman	1	8	8.0
7. Parsons	4	94	23.5
8. Renfro	1	20	20.0
9. Strzykalski	7	142	20.0
10. Suscoff	1	10	10.0
11. Standlee	1	33	33.0
12. Vetrano	3	49	16.3

## SCORING

	Tds.	xPts.	Fgs.	Pts.
1. Albert	4	0	0	24
2. Beals	10	1	0	61
3. Balatti	1	2	0	8
4. Casanega	2	0	0	12
5. Durdan	1	0	0	6
6. Eshmont	9	0	0	54
7. Fisk	1	0	0	6
8. Francheschi	2	0	0	12
9. Kuzmann	1	0	0	6
10. Mellus	0	1	0	1
11. Parsons	2	0	0	12
12. Renfro	3	0	0	18
13. Strzykalski	2	0	0	12
14. Standlee	2	0	0	12
15. Titchenal	2	0	0	12
16. Vetrano	1	31	4	49
17. Safety	0	0	0	2

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## FORTY NINER ROSTER

NO.	NAME	Pos.	AGE	WT.	HT.	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL
<b>ENDS</b>							
57	Balatti, Ed	E	23	205	6.1	Oakland	None
53	Beals, Alyn	E	27	190	6.0	San Francisco	Santa Clara
56	Fisk, William G.	E	28	210	6.1	San Gabriel	USC
51	Horne, Dick	E	29	215	6.2	Long Beach	Oregon
55	Norberg, Henry	E	27	225	6.3	Palo Alto	Stanford
58	Suseoff, Nick	E	27	220	6.1 1/2	Los Angeles	Washington State
<b>TACKLES</b>							
46	Aguirre, John	T	27	225	6.2	San Francisco	USC
42	Bryant, Bob	T	28	230	6.3	Hollywood	Texas Tech
45	Crowell, Odis	T	29	220	6.2	Torrence	Hardin Simmons
47	Grgich, Visco	T	24	220	5.11	Seattle, Wash.	Santa Clara
48	Satterfield, Alfred	T	25	225	6.3	Belleville, Ark.	Vanderbilt
41	Woudenberg, John	T	29	225	6.3	Berkeley	Denver U
<b>GUARDS</b>							
33	Banducci, Bruno	G	25	220	5.11	Richmond	Stanford
36	Bassi, Richard	G	31	225	5.11	San Francisco	Santa Clara
31	Calvelli, Tony	G	29	187	5.10	San Carlos	Stanford
34	Forrest, Ed	G	25	210	5.11	San Francisco	Santa Clara
32	Gregory, Garland	G	28	185	5.10	Rouston, La.	La. Tech
35	Thornton, Rupert	G	28	215	5.10	Portland	Santa Clara
<b>CENTERS</b>							
22	Conlee, Gerry	C	30	210	5.11	Oakland	St. Mary's
21	Elston, Art	C	27	190	5.11	Toledo, Ohio	So. Carolina U
25	Smith, George	C	31	245	6.3	Los Angeles	Univ. of Calif.
24	Schiechl, John	C	27	250	6.4	San Francisco	Santa Clara
<b>QUARTERBACKS</b>							
63	Albert, Frank	Q	27	170	5.10	Glendale	Stanford
62	Freitas, Jess	Q	25	180	5.11	Red Bluff	Santa Clara
64	Wallace, Beverly	Q	24	180	6.2	Hawthorne	Compton JC
<b>HALFBACKS</b>							
85	Carr, Edwin	H	20	185	6. 1/2	Philadelphia	None
93	Durdan, Don	H	26	175	5.8	Eureka, Calif.	Oregon State
81	Eshmont, Len	H	29	180	5.11	Locust Gap, Pa.	Fordham
83	Mathews, Ned	H	28	195	5.10	Englewood, Calif.	UCLA
84	Parsons, Earle	H	27	180	6.1	Los Angeles	USC
91	Strzykalski, John	H	25	190	5.9	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette
82	Vetrano, Joe	H	25	170	5.9	Neptune, N. J.	Miss. Sou.
94	Yonamine, Wallace	H	23	180	5.9	Honolulu, T. H.	None
<b>FULLBACKS</b>							
74	Masini, Len	F	24	225	6. 1/2	Fresno	Fresno State
71	Robnett, Ed	F	27	205	5.8	Lubbock, Texas	Texas Tech
72	Standlee, Norm	F	27	245	6.2	Laguna Beach	Stanford



## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF OWNERS

### ALLAN E. SORRELL

It would be hard to find two more enthusiastic gents in football, whether it be in high school, college or professional, than Anthony J. "Tony" Morabito and Allan E. "Al" Sorrell, the owners of the San Francisco Forty Niners.

Even though they got a late start in football, comparatively, the two 49'er owners have pitched all of their ambitions into presenting major league football to San Francisco.

Sorrell, a true "self-made" man, didn't have a chance to play football himself, leaving formal schooling to earn a living. The 54-year-old Sorrell started in the lumber business as an apprentice at 13, saw service overseas in the first world war (his ship was torpedoed heading for England), returned to work up in the lumber industry, and started a lumber carrier company in 1935.

### A. J. MORABITO

Strangely enough, at just that time, the now 37-year-old Morabito also entered the lumber carrier business, in direct competition to Sorrell. After being graduated from Santa Clara in 1931, "Tony" managed his father's ships' maintenance service for three years, before forming his own carrier company.

In 1939, Sorrell and Morabito merged their two companies, and now have the largest independent lumber carrier service in San Francisco.

Both men are avid sport enthusiasts. Sorrell prior to his present interest in football favored yachting (owned his own), hunting and fishing. Morabito's first fondness has always been football, with an added zest for all type of sports.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF GENERAL MANAGER

### JOHN R. BLACKINGER

John R. Blackinger was appointed General Manager of the San Francisco Forty Niners a few months prior to the inaugural of the All-America Conference's initial season of football.

Born in Boise, Idaho, on July 6, 1905, Mr. Blackinger attended the University of Santa Clara where during his senior year he served as Athletic Manager. It was during this period that he first became acquainted with the functions of a football team manager. Following his graduation from Santa Clara,

he entered the hotel management field where he remained until 1938. During the period 1937-38 he managed the Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco.

In 1939 he represented the Western Pacific Railroad as Special Passenger Representative. He served in this capacity until called to active duty with the U. S. Navy in August, 1942. During his tour of duty he served as Executive Officer at Frontier Base on Treasure Island, San Francisco and was released from active duty in January, 1946.





## COACHES

### L. T. "BUCK" SHAW

#### *Head Coach*

Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw, the man who compiled the enviable six year collegiate record of 47 victories, 4 ties and 10 losses begins his second year of professional football as head man for the San Francisco Forty Niners. Last season his team received national recognition by placing second in the western division and third among the teams in the All-America Conference.

Buck, a graduate of Notre Dame played under the immortal Knute Rockne achieving the distinguished honor of being selected on the All Time, All Notre Dame team. When his college career was completed he entered the coaching profession heading such teams as North Carolina State, University of Nevada, Santa Clara and California. During his last six years at Santa Clara his teams played two successive years against the highly favored Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl, emerging victorious on both occasions.

The outbreak of the war caused Santa Clara to disband their athletic program at which time Buck became interested in the increasing growth of professional football. When the All-America Conference was forming he was offered the Head Coaching position and has handled the duties of the San Francisco team ever since.

Shaw's brilliant offensive and defensive plays have been expertly executed to the extent of winning high praise from rival coaches. He is always searching for the un-

usual and his intricate pattern of standard plays has opponents constantly on the alert in the diagnostic and scouting department.

Headed by such name stars as Frankie Albert, Norm Standlee, Len Eshmont and Alyn Beale it was generally believed that the Shawmen would be in the championship play-off. However, unexpected injuries to Norm Standlee, Dick Renfro, Len Eshmont and others changed the optimism.

The loss of Norm Standlee's powerful running against the Yankees played an important part in the Forty Niners first defeat—following Standlee's wake Dick Renfro received a severe knee injury resulting in a permanent loss for the season, throwing the heavy work on the recovering Standlee. Six games later Len Eshmont, star left half-back, pulled a muscle rendering him unfit for the remaining four games. Critical injuries before crucial contests gave Buck but one alternative—to toss the hope for victory on inexperienced reserves. The final results culminating in 5 losses and 9 wins.

Barring injuries this year the wily "Silver Fox" eyes the championship pennant building his team around the large number of returning veterans and new recruits. Experience has taught Buck that nothing can be left to chance in football. Material is the winning factor and this year he has what it takes.



## **JAMES WILMER "JIM" LAWSON**

### **Assistant Coach**

Jim is no newcomer to professional football. He pioneered the play for pay game when it was in its infancy—playing with Jacksonville in the now disbanded American League and later with Red Grange's New York Yankees.

Prior to playing professional football, he was recognized as one of the greatest ends ever to graduate from Stanford University. His outstanding performance against Notre Dame and the "Four Horsemen" in the 1925 Rose Bowl game is still recalled when football is discussed. Retiring as a player, he returned to his Alma Mater in 1932 as end coach, remaining in this capacity until appointed Head Coach in the spring of 1942. With the outbreak of the war, Jim volunteered for the

navy. His first appointment was Head Coach for the powerful St. Mary's Pre-Flight team, before being assigned duty afloat.

Throughout his coaching career Jim has developed some of the finest ends in football. His knowledge of the sport, his intelligent presentation of plays and his clever technique of execution has made him a formidable opponent. The impartation of this knowledge to his ends and backs, established them as some of the strongest in the All-America Conference. During the off-season he divides his time between scouting new talent, and running a cleaning business in Palo Alto, where he resides. Jim is the proud father of two grown sons—Jim and Mark. Mark seems to be following his father's footsteps developing into another outstanding wingman.

## **ALBERT J. "AL" RUFFO**

### **Assistant Coach**

In all the Forty Niner organization there is probably no other member who has more to keep him occupied than Assistant Coach Al Ruffo. When Al is not figuring out how his linemen can trap the opposition, box a tackle or handle a crashing end, he is either pleading a case of law for a client or busy running the city council where he holds the title of Mayor for the city of San Jose, California.

Already the possessor of a degree in Electrical Engineering, but feeling that he had more time on his hands than he could afford, Al, immediately began to study law. Received his degree and became a member of the California Bar Association.

While still a senior at the University of Santa Clara, Ruffo was appointed Freshman Coach in 1930. During his five years as tutor of the Bronco yearlings, observers regarded the energetic young fellow as an up and

coming football coach. In 1936 Coach Shaw completed the observations by selecting Ruffo as his assistant when he was appointed Head Coach of Santa Clara that year.

With the announcement that San Francisco would enter the All-America Conference and Buck Shaw would head the Bay area team, Ruffo abandoned his collegiate football career to stay with Buck. Last season his assistance aided the Forty Niners in having the tightest rushing defense and the leading rushing offense in the Conference.

Busy as he is in the off season, Al can always find time to pursue his hobby which is football. Al gets a great deal of fun out of discussing X's and O's with people that will listen. He looks on his work with the Forty Niners as a vacation for it gives him a chance to be around younger people. He is married and has three children, Ann 8 yrs., Jimmy 5½ yrs. and Stevie 3½.

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## ENDS

**BALATTI, EDWARD T.** Height 6'1" Weight 205

A product of one of Uncle Sam's service teams. Upon graduation from Technical High in Oakland, California, where he was selected All-City halfback in 1942, he immediately enlisted in the Coast Guard and was assigned patrol duty in the Pacific Coast Area. Considered an outstanding end for the Alameda Coast Guard in 1943 and 1944.

Last season was Ed's first year of major league football. Under the tutelage of End Coach Jim Lawson, he developed into one of the best young ends in the All-America Conference.

Defensively he is known for his hard rushing, sharp tackling and ability to spot a play developing. On offense he runs well, is a good blocker and has a fine pair of hands for receiving passes. With a year of experience behind him, and a natural zest for football, this young fellow should turn out to be a dangerous contender to the conference leading ends.

His most interesting experience was saving two flyers that crashed in the San Francisco Bay. He is single and spends a good deal of time playing golf when not fishing.

**BEALS, ALYN** Height 6' Weight 190

Graduated from Polytechnic High in 1938. Performed under "Buck" at Santa Clara University, where he first was heralded by many critics as another Don Hutson. Served with the army as an artillery captain, having spent 21 months in the European Theatre.

Entered professional football with the Forty Niners, where he proceeded to prove the prophesy of the critics by officially being named the pass catching champion of the All-America Football Conference. Beals led the field of 145 receivers with 40 catches for 586 yds. with a credit of 14.7 yds. per effort. He took third place in the conference scoring with 10 touchdowns and one extra point, becoming the third end in professional football history to score as many as 10 touchdowns in a season, exceeded only by Don Hutson, Green Bay star, and Frank Libel of the New York Giants.

Although his record puts him in the bracket of a champion, it must be remembered that Beals was playing his first year as a professional, and had little if any association with football during his four years in the service. Beals has an uncanny manner of faking the halfback so far out of position that recovery is impossible to prevent a completion. With pass patterns especially designed for Beals this season, it is highly possible for this star to outshine the remarkable Don Hutson.

Alyn busys himself in the automobile business when not playing football. He is married and the proud father of a new baby. Golf takes a lot of Beals' time, batting in the low eightys.

**FISK, WILLIAM G.** Height 6'1" Weight 210

Graduated from Alhambra High School in 1936, after earning four letters in football. Entered U.S.C. where he was selected All-Coast end two years straight. Culminated his college football career by making All-American in 1940. Appeared in the Chicago All-Star game, polling more votes than any other end. Played for the Detroit Lions in 1940, '41, '42 and '43 making All-Pro end in the latter year. Has also played under the banner of Hollywood Bears and Rangers.

With the forming of the Forty Niners, Coach Buck Shaw immediately sought the services of Fisk. Buck's plan was to use Bill as a defensive end mainly for his size and aggressiveness. His plan was well supported, for his end play was greatly responsible in keeping the Forty Niners the tightest rushing defense in the conference.

Offensively, he is a fine blocker. His fast charge and nifty manner of maneuvering has boxed many a tackle. Has a fair pass catching record, being credited with 19 for a net gain of 186 yds. and responsible for one touchdown. Bill is married and has two sons, Robert and William. He lives in Los Angeles. His hobby is fishing and hunting.

**HORNE, RICHARD COURTLAND** Height 6'2" Weight 215

Graduated in 1936 from Woodrow Wilson High School, Long Beach, California. Entered Compton Junior College in 1937 where he played two years of football as a tackle. In 1939 he enrolled at Oregon University, starring two years and voted the "most valuable player" in 1940. First played professional football with the Patterson Panthers of the American Association. During mid-season he was signed by the New York Giants of the National League. In 1942 enlisted in the service. Received his discharge from the Army Air Corp in 1945 and signed to play with the Miami Seahawks the following year. His defensive end play against the Forty Niners while playing with the Seahawks caused Coach Shaw to sign him after that team dropped out of the league.

Offensively he handles himself well in receiving passes and blocking. Defensively, he crashes hard and is seldom fooled. Before many games have been played, Dick is expected to be one of the top pass receivers on the Forty Niner squad.

He is married and has two children, Gail Fredricka and Richard Junior. During the off season, he is employed as a life guard. His hobbies are swimming, hunting and fishing. After his playing days are over Dick intends to enter business for himself.

**NORBERG, HENRY F.** Height 6'3" Weight 225

After graduating from Palo Alto High School in 1939, where he starred at end, Hank entered Stanford University. Playing end under Coaches Marchie Schwartz and Jim Lawson, he was selected for a great number of All-Coast teams. Completed his college training in 1943 and immediately enlisted in the Army, serving in the Hawaiian Area and Saipan. During his tour of duty he performed for two seasons (1943-44) with the Fourth Air Force football squad.

Played his first year of major league football last season. Primarily a great defensive end. Charges in fast, stripping the interference before it can form. Offensively he handles himself well and is a good blocker. Having sustained a leg injury in the early part of the season that plagued him throughout the remainder of the year, any chance he had to receive passes was impaired because of his injury. This season will find Big Hank in good condition with an all-around improvement.

Norberg makes his home in Palo Alto where he lives with his wife and two children. During the off season he attends Stanford University studying for a teaching certificate. His hobby is motion picture photography. He intends to make coaching and teaching his career.

**SUSEOFF, NICK** Height 6'1 1/2" Weight 220

Completed his high school training in 1939 at Roosevelt High in Los Angeles, where he received All-Southern Cali-



furnia honors. Earned All-Coast and All-American mention while attending Washington State College in 1941-42. Enlisted in the Army in 1942 and after serving in the Caribbean theatre, performed in 1944 with the Second Air Force and in 1945 with the Fourth Air Force.

He plays end the way Jim Lawson likes his ends to play. He smashes in hard and fast, preventing the interference from forming. Nick is well able to play this type of game for the rugged Russian is fast and nifty on his feet. Ever since Nick started to play athletics, he has been selected on many "Alls." In high school he was selected All-City and All-Southern California; in college he made All-Coast and All-American in 1942. While playing for the Second and Fourth Air Force teams he was selected All-Service in 1944 and 1945. He is married and has two youngsters. During the off season he works for his father and plans to be in business for himself.

## TACKLES

**AGUIRRE, JOHN** Height 6'2" Weight 225

Graduated from Galico High School in San Francisco, California in 1939, after making All-City. Entered U.S.C. and played football until 1942. Enlisted in the service and became a member of the Air Force ground crew. Received Presidential Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and five combat stars. Discharged 1945. Returned to U.S.C. and played two seasons of football. Graduated in 1946.

John is single and favors hunting and fishing as a hobby.

**BRYANT, ROBERT R.** Height 6'3" Weight 230

Chosen most valuable player while performing at Olton High School, Olton, Texas. Entered Texas Tech in 1938 and earned three letters as a varsity tackle. A member of the All-Conference teams of 1940 and 1941. Played for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1943. Joined the Hollywood Rangers as a fullback in 1944. In 1945 played with the Los Angeles Bulldogs, making All-League tackle.

Last season when players were fighting it out for starting berths, Bryant was right along sharing honors with the rest of the top linemen on the Forty Niner squad. His smashing game of defense and heads-up blocking played an important part in making the Forty Niners one of the leading elevens in the All-America Conference.

During the off season, he is employed by Warner Bros. as a stunt man and bit actor. His recent contribution to the silver screen is "Pete the Bouncer" in "Stallion Road." He also does a fight part in John Wayne's "Angel and the Badman." Bob is married, plans to coach and teach dramatics when he hangs up his cleats.

**CROWELL, ODIS LEONARD** Height 6'2" Weight 220

Began his football career at Matador High School, Texas, graduating in 1933. Attended Amarillo Junior College, where he played tackle until 1936. Enrolled at Hardin Simmons University and received his degree in Physical Education in 1939. Forgetting football temporarily he went to work for International Harvester Company as a salesman. In 1944, returned to football, playing with the Hollywood Rangers for a season. In 1945 signed with the Los Angeles Bulldogs where he remained until 1946.

Crowell is considered the toughest lineman of the new players brought in this season. He has a fast start on defense and uses his hands well against defenders. Has a good knowledge of the game and is a difficult man to trap. Offensively,

he does a nice job of blocking, both in the close line assignments and down field.

He is married and has two sons. During the off season he coaches. His plan for the future is to enter the Implement and Appliance business. His main hobby is making or fixing toys.

**GRGICH, VISCO G.** Height 5'11" Weight 220

Graduated from West Seattle High, where he was a member of the '42 All-City squad. Entered University of Santa Clara, playing only Frosh ball prior to entering the Army in 1943. Was a member of the Second Air Force (1944) and the Fourth Air Force (1945) squads.

Signed to play with the Forty Niners after turning in an excellent brand of football in the Chicago All-Star game. His original playing position is guard, but Coach Shaw moved him to tackle after observing him in this position while playing with the Second Air Force.

Grgich's strong forte is defense. His ripups and fast charge have caused many an opposing end to wish that he were some place other than playing against the rugged Slav from Seattle.

Offensively, he holds his own as a blocker. Shaw feels that this department will be greatly improved as Grgich picks up experience.

Last year was Grgich's first season of play for pay. As the season progressed, he showed definite qualities of becoming one of the better linemen on the Forty Niner squad, as well as in the Conference. This year he is expected to come into his own.

He is single. During the off season attends Washington University to finish his interrupted college career. Fishing and Hunting are his hobbies. One day he intends to be a coach.

**SATTERFIELD, ALFRED NEAL** Height 6'3" Weight 225

After playing three years of football and making All-State center, he graduated from Russellville High School in 1940. Entered Vanderbilt University and played three years of varsity. In 1946 he captained the southern team, making All-Southeastern tackle and receiving All-American mention.

With the outbreak of the war, he dropped his studies in 1943 to enlist in the Army. After spending 25 months in the ETO and receiving five bronze stars, he was discharged in January, 1946.

Alf is a big rangy fellow that likes the going. Defensively, he smashes across the line maintaining a low bridge and wide leg straddle that makes it hard for blockers to knock him off his feet. He is a good tackler and is fast for a man his size. On offense he is a sharp blocker in and out of the line.

He's married. Attends school during the off season. Likes all types of sport for a hobby and intends to follow coaching as a career.

**WOUTENBERG, JOHN W.** Height 6'3" Weight 225

Completed his high school training in 1935 at South Denver High, where he was a member of the All-City team of 1934. Received his degree in 1940 from the University of Denver. He was selected All-Conference tackle in 1937-38-39 and received "most valuable player award of 1939." Performed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1940-41-42. Called to duty in the Navy in 1945 and played three seasons with the St. Mary's Pre-Flight squad, being placed on the "All-American Service Team" in 1944.





Big John is beginning his second season with the Forty Niners. Last year, he and Bruno Banducci were the only two players who started every game. He exceeded other linemen in playing time, averaging approximately 40 minutes per game.

He has seen a lot of service at tackle and knows all the tricks in the business. On offense his blocking is done with quiet efficiency. Defensively, he brightly stands out on the Forty Niner forward wall as one of the top linemen.

Woudenberg is unlike most tackles. Where others crash across the line, he choses to wait for the play to develop. He is known as a "line fighter." This prevents any chance of being trapped and in most cases, his weight and height affords him the opportunity to knock off blockers and move in on the ball-packer. This type of line play is less spectacular than the hard-charging tackle. The design is to allow a few yards with greater opportunity to miss the traps and thereby nail the ball-packer on the line of scrimmage. The theory works well for Woudenberg as he was in a large percentage of the tackles made last season.

John lives with his wife and youngster in Oakland, California. In the off season, he works for the Vari-Type Type-writer Co., as a salesman.

## GUARDS

**BANDUCCI, BRUNO**      **Height 5'11"**      **Weight 220**

Born in Tasignano, Italy, in 1921. Chosen All-County tackle while attending Richmond Union High School. Stanford University tackle during 1941 and 1943, and participated in the Rose Bowl game of 1941. Has had previous pro experience with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League before signing with the Forty Niners last season.

In 1946 he was selected as the outstanding guard of the All-America Conference with Bill Willis of the Cleveland Browns.

Coach "Buck" Shaw says, "Banducci is one of the best blocking guards, both in close line and down field, that I have ever seen."

Defensively, he charges fast, combining strength and knifing tactics with great advantage. He is never used as a line backer in a 5-3-2-1 defense. His services up front are too valuable. A difficult man to fool with fakes and seldom, if ever, does he allow himself to be trapped.

During the game, Bruno is playing top ball every minute. His daring acts on defense along with his heads-up play on offense, have placed him high on the list as one of the best linemen in the country.

Off season he operates a furniture manufacturing business with his brother in Richmond, California. He is married and has two children. His hobby, when time permits, is hunting and fishing.

**BASSI, DICK**      **Height 5'11"**      **Weight 225**

Graduated from the University of Santa Clara in 1937. A former pupil of "Buck" Shaw. Elected on many All-American teams and performed in the Chicago All-Star game of 1937, playing a big part in the first defeat of a professional team in this annual event. Voted on the 1936 All-Time Sugar Bowl Team. First began his pro career with the National League, playing with the Chicago Bears, Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers. Left football to enter the Army in 1943. Returned from the service to sign with the Forty Niners in 1946.

Bassi is the most experienced player on the Forty Niner

squad. His performance on the field of play last season was outstanding. The best that can be said of Bassi is, he plays every department of his position like a master. Inherently, he is football smart, and for 60 minutes, he is lost in the "rock and sock" business with everyone knowing that he is in there pitching.

Buck was quick to see that by using Bassi in backing up the line, he could use the 5-3-2-1 defense with great effectiveness. Dick proved Buck's supposition to be correct. His ability to be at the right place at the right time was instrumental in putting the Forty Niner team on record as being the toughest defensive team on the All-America Conference.

Bassi has a son, nicknamed "Bo," who thinks that his dad is the best footballer in the country. Bo has a lot of others who feel the same way.

**CALVELLI, ANTHONY**      **Height 5'10"**      **Weight 187**

After graduating from Stockton High School in 1934, where he played three years of center, Tony attended San Mateo Junior College. In 1936 he entered Stanford University playing fullback and center. The seasons of 1937-1938 he became Stanford starting center, making All-Coast and receiving All-American mention. In 1939-1940 he played for the Detroit Lions of the National League. During the off seasons he returned to Stanford and received his degree in 1940. Enlisted in the service in 1941 and was discharged in 1945. Signed to play with the San Francisco Clippers and received recognition as the best player on the team.

Playing his first season with the Forty Niners, Tony is considered the toughest little man on the squad. Coach Shaw, observing his tackling and blocking, moved him from center to guard. His reason for this was to use Tony's knowledge of backing up a line when the defense moved into a 5-3-2-1. Some people think he is too small for professional, but once the contact starts, Tony doesn't stop to match pounds or height, he is too busy knocking somebody down.

He is married and has a daughter, Diana Marie. During the off season he helps his family run their restaurant. His plan for the future is to coach and teach.

**FORREST, EDWARD G.**      **Height 5'11"**      **Weight 210**

A graduate of St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco, where he captained the squad in 1939 and was selected to the All-City team three consecutive years. Played for Coach Shaw at the University of Santa Clara 1941-42-43. Entered the Army in 1943 as a lieutenant in the paratroopers, serving 10 months in the European Theatre.

The 1946 season was the first year of pro football for Ed. Although he played as a center both in high school and college, Buck believed that his services at guard would be to the team's advantage. The change was readily accepted by Forrest, who immediately went to work against tough competition to establish himself as one of Al Ruffo's outstanding linemen.

Offensively, Ed has shown great capabilities as a blocker, both in close line work and down field. Defensively, he makes it a point to put plenty of pressure on the passer and kicker. The old adage in football, "You can tell a good lineman by the bark off his face," applies to Forrest. Ed has a nose that just won't stop from being skinned.

Forrest is married and has two children. During the off season he is a structural steel salesman. His biggest thrill came when he made his first jump from a C-47 while a paratrooper.



**GREGORY, GARLAND**      **Height 5'10"**      **Weight 185**

A graduate of Louisiana Tech, Gar is considered one of the fastest and niftiest guards in the All-America Conference. Although overtowered by his teammates he has yet to be known to have given ground. Gregory is another ex-serviceman, having played spectacular ball with the powerful Fourth Air Force team.

While attending college, Gar captained his team in 1941, and was selected on the "Little All-American" of that year. In 1946 he signed to play with the Forty Niners. His first appearance on the practice field had the "Sideliners" shaking their heads and commenting "He's too small to cut it." After the first two scrimmages the same group was predicting great things for the scrappy guard. As the season progressed the predictions were correct.

Gregory combines speed and finesse in his playing. Defensively he shifts his weight like a fighter, instead of the usual direct charge at the opponent. His tackling is daring. After successfully breaking up a flying wedge in the Don game, he was asked how it was accomplished. His answer, "I just get down there as fast as I can and when the apex man commits himself, I fake, slide off and make the tackle." Sounds simple, but it takes a good man to break up any flying wedge in football.

His biggest thrill in football was seeing his teammate Joe Vetrano, kick a field goal against the Second Air Force to win the game in the last four minutes, 17 to 14. He is married and has a three-year-old daughter. In the off season he is studying for a degree. His hobby is hunting and fishing. Coaching will be his profession.

**THORNTON, RUPERT V.**      **Height 5'10"**      **Weight 215**

Enrolled at Santa Clara University, after a colorful prep career at Franklin High, Portland, Oregon. Received his advance football training under Buck Shaw, until he graduated in 1942. Was immediately called to active duty with the Marines, serving over two years in the Southwest Pacific and Philippines areas. Completed his military career in 1946 and signed to play his first year of professional football with the Forty Niners.

Although not a regular starter for the Forty Niners last season, Rupe played good brand of football until he pulled a leg muscle that remained with him for the rest of the year. However, his performance indicated to the coaches that he has the necessary know-how required of a pro player. With the opening of the 1947 season Buck figures the burly Rupe to be one of his stronger middlemen.

When not playing football, Rupe is a logger in the Northwest. He is single and favors the outdoors life of fishing and hunting for a hobby.

## **CENTERS**

**CONLEE, GERRY R.**      **Height 5'11"**      **Weight 210**

Graduated in 1934 from Chico High School, having earned three letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. Played under "Slip" Madigan in 1935, '36 and '37. Received All-American mention in 1935 and '36 and was selected on everyone's All-Coast team. Pro ball experience includes three years (1938, '39 and '40) with the Cleveland Rams and one season (1943) with the Detroit Lions. Is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Navy.

Gerry works on the theory . . . To be in sports, you have to be in shape. Throughout his high school and college career he has rigorously followed this theme. His pro years

in the National League his attitude was the same. When he signed with the Forty Niners last season many questioned his playing ability due to his years of experience. Experience as always turned out to be an asset rather than a detriment, for the indomitable Conlee displayed a brand of football that placed him high on the list of pivot men in the All-America Conference.

Offensively he blocks well. His sharp tackling and defensive signal calling brought high praise from Line Coach Al Ruffo. He particularly likes to be the first one down the field on a kick-off to make the tackle, a feat which he performed many times last season. Conlee's playing is best summed up as, Clever . . . Constant . . . Courageous.

When Gerry is not playing football, adjusting insurance claims keeps him busy. His hobby is horses (either riding or playing). His biggest thrill came when 4,000 tons of T.N.T. aboard one of the ships in his convoy responded to the caress of a torpedo. Coaching and teaching is his future vocation.

**ELSTON, ARTHUR W.**      **Height 5'11"**      **Weight 190**

Selected All-State tackle while attending Waite High in Toledo, Ohio. Entered the University of South Carolina in 1937 and was a member of the All-State teams of 1940 and '41. Enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and played with the Fourth Air Force squad. Previous pro experience as blocking back with the Cleveland Rams.

In 1946 he signed to play his first season with the Forty Niners as a center. "Dutch" isn't as big as his opponents, but what he lacks in size, he makes up in aggressiveness. His outstanding defensive work against passes combined with vicious tackling in backing up the line make him one of the key figures responsible for holding the opposition, throughout the season, to only seven touchdowns.

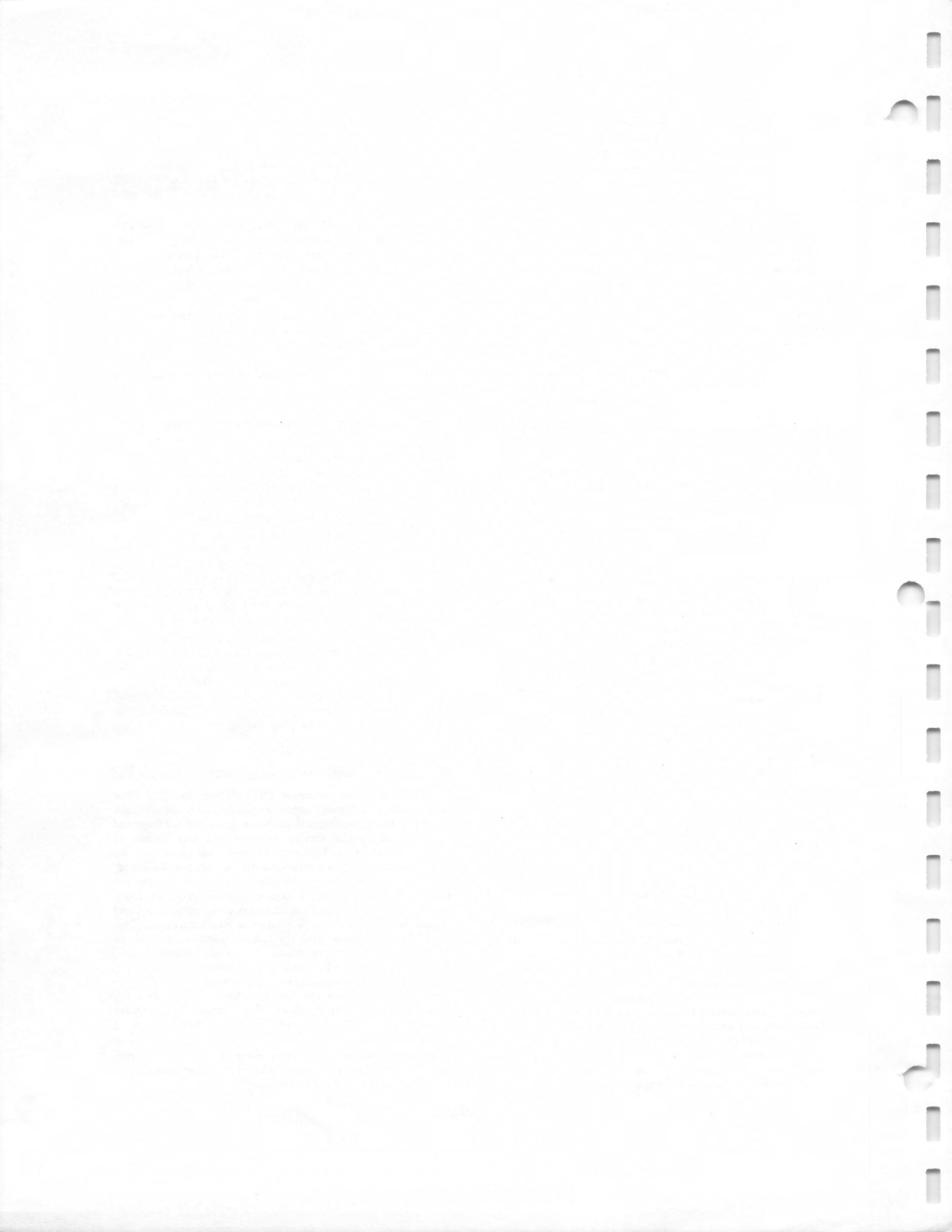
This will be "Dutch's" second year with the Shawmen. He is regarded highly by the coaching staff. His heads-up play at center, both offensively and defensively, give him a slight edge as a potential starter this season.

Elston is married and has a small son. In the off season, he attends San Francisco State, where he is studying for a teaching credential. His plan for the future is to coach football.

**SMITH, GEORGE WILLIAM**      **Height 6'3"**      **Weight 245**

Graduated from Glendale High School in 1933, but didn't turn out for any sport. Entered University of California to study mechanical engineering in 1934. Happened to be watching the varsity working and was invited to try out for the team by Coach Stub Allison because of his size. Played one quarter for the Bears, earning his letter, but gave up football to continue on with his engineering studies. Graduated with a degree in engineering in 1939. After one year of practical experience, he gave it up and signed to play with the Washington Redskins of the National League. Played with the "Skins" 1941-42-43 and '44. In 1945 played with the Boston Yanks of the same league. During the off season he attended the University of Southern California, where he received his teaching credential. Accepted an offer from the Pasadena City College to teach Physics and gave up football. Was granted a temporary leave to play with the Forty Niners and has been going strong ever since.

George is married and has three daughters, Sharron, Nancy and Susan. His main hobby is golf. For a career, he has decided to remain with teaching.





**SCHIECHL, JOHN GEORGE** Height 6'4" Weight 250

Boomed his way to All-City honors as a fullback for Balboa High School, San Francisco. Entered University of Santa Clara in 1935, where he played for Coach Buck Shaw and was selected on the 1939 All-American team. After graduating he signed to play professional football with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National League. Stayed with the Steelers for two seasons, 1940-1941, and was traded to the Detroit Lions playing one year in 1942. Returned to San Francisco and centered for the Clippers in 1943. Recalled to the Chicago Bear camp and played 1944-45-46.

He was still the property of the Chicago Bears and received a contract from George Halas to play this season. Due to a family situation, he was unable to return. Explaining the circumstances to Mr. Halas and requesting permission to leave the National League with a clean slate. Mr. Halas cordially complied by arranging with the other clubs in his league to forego taking Schiechl's option when he was put on waiver. After talking things over with Mr. Halas, Coach Shaw signed the big center to play with the Forty Niners.

John plays a rugged game of defense, using his weight and speed with great effect. He is a smart football player with an uncanny ability to "smell" a play developing. Offensively, he is a good blocker, because of his weight and size opposing guards find it difficult to penetrate his position.

He is married and has a young son, Scott. His hobby is brick laying and patio building. His plan for the future is to enter into business for himself.

## QUARTERBACKS

**ALBERT, FRANKIE** Height 5'10" Weight 170

Stepped into the roll of "T" quarterback champion when he passed and generated Stanford's 1940 sensations to victory in the Rose Bowl of that year. After graduating from Stanford in 1942, enlisted in the Navy as a deck officer, spending 15 months in the Pacific Theatre. Returned in 1945 to the playing field quarterbacking the famed St. Mary's Pre-Flight team.

In 1946 he entered the play for pay competition and generated the Bay Area eleven to third place in the All-America Conference; completing 104 passes out of 197 tries, scoring 14 touchdowns and averaging 41.0 yards per kick. While this doesn't shatter any of the existing records of the current pro teams, neither does it detract from Frankie being nationally recognized as one of the outstanding T-quarterbacks in football.

Among football authorities and players Albert is considered as the greatest exponents of ball handling in the business. His clever faking, signal calling and ability to spot a defensive man out of position has contributed greatly to his team's success.

Frank doesn't follow the standard method of signal calling. If he is in a tight spot that requires a decision to either kick or run a play that will give his team first down, you can rest assured that he will take a chance. This has caused some observers to criticize his work, but to those close to football his daring decisions have caused them to rank him high among the game's finest signal callers.

During the off season the colorful Frankie is in the contracting business with his brother. He is married and has two youngsters. When he isn't playing football or arranging for building contracts, you will find him on the fairways shooting a fair game of golf.

**FREITAS, JESSE** Height 5'11" Weight 180

A graduate of Ontario High School, Jess entered Santa Clara University in 1939 where his passing and running brought him All-Coast honors and All-American recognition. After his discharge from the Army he signed to play with the Forty Niners under his college coach Buck Shaw.

Last season was the first time Jesse ever played as a T-quarterback. Just as he began to master the intricate ball handling required in the formation he sprained an ankle that kept him on the bench for three games.

Overcoming the injury he began to hit his stride but was halted by a throat infection that kept him out of several more games. It wasn't until the final game against the Los Angeles Dons that Freitas had a chance to show his ability. In that game he showed fine field generalship and passing, also that he possesses what it takes to make a T-quarterback.

This year Freitas is twenty pounds heavier and has more assurance and poise. He has shown well in past performances and is considered by Coach Shaw as a top performer.

While a Lieutenant in the Artillery, he earned the Bronze Star for ordering a barrage against the enemy and supervising the rescue of several men who were pinned down by machinegun fire. He is married and intends to coach for a living. His hobby is hunting and fishing.

**WALLACE, BEVERLY WILLIAM** Height 6'2" Weight 180

A product of Santa Paula High School, Santa Paula, Calif., where he graduated in 1940. Turned out for athletics earning letters four consecutive years in football, basketball, baseball and track. Entered Compton Junior College in 1941, playing two seasons of football before enlisting in the service. After his discharge from the Army in 1946, he returned to Compton Jaycee using his passing ability to win his school National Junior College Champs of 1946. For his effort he made the "Little All-American team" and was voted the "Most Valuable Player."

When Kilgore J.C. of Texas played Compton J.C. in the "Little Rose Bowl Game," Wallace completed 11 passes out of 16 attempts for a total of 176 yards and three touchdowns, setting a passing record for that stadium. His record for the entire season showed 49 passes completed out of 86 attempts, making a total of 851 yards with an average of 57 per cent.

This is Wallace's first season as a T-quarterback. His ball handling is still awkward, but Coach Shaw feels once he masters the plays his fakes will be smoother. Under pressure he is calm and passes with surprising accuracy and skill. His ability to throw either a long or short pass with sureness provides the Forty Niners with a much needed aerial threat.

His most interesting experience was to miss being taken prisoner by SS Troopers that passed within three feet of his hiding place. He is married. His hobby is hunting and fishing. During the off season he is a salesman.

## HALFBACKS

**CARR, EDWIN FORREST** Height 6'½" Weight 185

A product of Olney High School, Philadelphia, Pa. Graduated in 1945 after making All-City 1943-44. Entered Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne Pa., and after one year left to play professional football.





Ed is the youngest player on the squad, however, this does not keep the 20-year-old youngster from being one of Coach Shaw's best defensive halfbacks. There is only one thing Carr likes to do better than tackle and that is to run with the ball. It is a little early to make any predictions on the playing ability of this rugged youngster, but it is generally felt by all who have watched him that he is destined to be a great halfback. He is tough, willing and ready to meet any opposition. He has a good knowledge of the game and uses it to an advantage against any competition.

When the season ends, Ed intends to work in his father's law office, while he attends school. He is single and as a hobby favors reading to anything else. History and the classics are his choice of reading material.

**ESHMONT, LEONARD C.      Height 5'11"      Weight 180**

Attended Mt. Carmel High School, Easton, Pa., where he was selected on All-State teams in 1936. Played left half with Fordham University in 1938, '39 and '40, being named on a majority of the All-American teams of the time. Starred with the New York Giants in 1942. Entered the Navy in 1942 and performed with service teams, selected as outstanding in 1943 and '44. Signed to play with the Forty Niners last season.

Eshmont was well on his way to becoming one of the outstanding halfbacks in the All-America Conference, until he injured his knee in the second game against the Cleveland Browns.

Len's offensive record shows that he had a total offense of 75 plays for 382 yds.; caught 17 passes for 287 yds. and returned 10 kick offs for 264 yds. Before his injury, Len was the Conference leading scorer, with a total of 54 points . . . seven touchdowns made by running and two from passes.

Last season the Forty Niners made 2,175 rushing yards, a tribute in part to the strong running of Eshmont.

As a defensive back, he leaves little to be desired. Possesses a keen insight in diagnosing plays, is a hard tackler and fast enough to defend against passes. As an all-around player he is considered the best on the Forty Niner squad.

The biggest disappointment Eshmont had was being unable to play against the Yankees in New York. The Yanks won the game 10-9, but it was generally felt had Eshmont been in shape the score would have been in the Forty Niners' favor.

Len is married and has a three-year-old daughter named Ann. His chief hobbies are fishing and athletics. His intended vocation is coaching.

**MATHEWS, NED A.      Height 5'10"      Weight 195**

Played collegiate football for U.C.L.A. In 1939 made All-Coast and received All-American mention on several teams. The following year he captained the Bruins, being voted "the most valuable player." Played 1941, '42 and '43 for the Detroit Lions. Returned to the west coast in 1944 and romped for the Hollywood Rangers. Went back in 1945 and starred for the Boston Yanks.

When the All-America Conference was being formed, the Chicago Rockets sought the services of Mathews at right halfback. Played part of the season, before being placed on waiver. With the loss of fullback Dick Renfro, Coach Shaw claimed the option on Ned, moving him to fullback. In this position his playing greatly enhanced the running attack of the Forty Niners with speed, power and experience. With the addition of new fullbacks, Buck is

considering Mathews as halfback. His powerful thrusts can be of a definite advantage to the Forty Niners both in weight and speed.

During the off season Ned coaches at Loyola High School in Los Angeles. He is married and has two children. His hobby is fishing and hunting.

**PARSONS, EARLE      Height 6'1"      Weight 180**

Started his football career in Helena, Montana in 1936. Graduated 1940; entered Santa Ana Junior College the same year, leaving after one semester to play for U.S.C. Graduated from the southern university in 1943 after playing two years. In 1944 played for Hollywood Rangers, and the L. A. Bulldogs, signed to play his first season with the Forty Niners in 1946.

Parsons was another Forty Niner player who was slow hitting his stride. Against the Miami Seahawks in Miami, Florida, Parson began to roll until he was injured in the final Brooklyn game. During the ensuing games after Miami, Parsons established himself as the leading halfback in yards gained on the Forty Niner squad. He carried the ball 74 times for a total offense of 362 yds. net. In punt returns he caught 15 for a return of 198 yds. Scored two touchdowns, one a 68-yd. romp against the Dons at Los Angeles.

He is a fine pass receiver and is considered a fair blocker. Defensively, his tackling is average and on occasions showed definite ability of being a strong defender against passes.

Parsons is one of the few single men on the Forty Niner squad. During the off season, he's employed as an extra in Hollywood, California. His hobby is dramatics. Plan for the future is to enter business.

**STRZYKALSKI, JOHN      Height 5'9"      Weight 190**

Received his high school training in South Division High of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Attended Marquette University, where he was unanimously selected to the nation's All-American teams. Served in the Caribbean Theatre while a member of the Army Air Corps. On his return to the states he starred with the Second and Fourth Air Force squads.

This will be "Strike's" second season with the Forty Niners. He is considered by Coach Shaw as one of the hardest running backs he has ever coached, and by all those who have watched him as the "work horse" of the team.

"Strike" never lets up in a game; he is hustling and working all the time. His offensive record for last season shows that he dropped 11 yds. in six out of 79 plays, netting 346 yds., averaging 4.38 yds. per carry. Caught nine passes for 80 yd. gain and returned seven kick-offs for 142 yds. Although he only scored 12 points, his offensive work was responsible for setting up many of the Forty Niner touchdowns.

Defensively, his tackling has been sharp and deadly. Against passes, he has proven to be an excellent defender, remembering the fundamental rule, "Never let a man get behind you." His keenness in this department can be attributed to the fact that "Strike" is an excellent passer in his own right.

"Strike" is married and has a small daughter. His future plan is to coach football. During the off season, he is engaged in the lumber business.

**VETRANO, JOSEPH G.      Height 5'9"      Weight 170**

Graduated from Mississippi Southern where he earned two letters playing halfback. Voted the "best college athlete



of 1941." Enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1946 to play his first year professional football with the Forty Niners.

Known to his teammates as "Little Toe" because of his conversions and place-kicking. Last season he attempted 38 conversions completing 31, made four field goals, and scored one touchdown, giving him a scoring total of 49 points. He was the only player in the conference to score in every game. His services were mainly used for kicking and defending against passes. As the season approached termination date, Buck used Vetrano more and more as an offensive back. His speed and deceptive running caught Coach Shaw's eye and it is expected that he will see a lot of action from the offensive left halfback position this season.

When not playing football Joe attends Mississippi Southern, where he is studying for his credential to teach and coach. He is single and as a hobby interests himself in anything that comes under the heading of athletics.

**YONAMINE, WALLACE** Height 5'9" Weight 180

Born on the island of Maui, Hawaii, he entered Farrington High School in Honolulu, where he starred in football and baseball. Graduated in 1945 after a colorful prep career. Entered the Army and served 17 months with the engineers in the Pacific area, being discharged as a corporal in 1946.

The twenty-one-year-old Yonamine was a star from the time he sparked Farrington's championship prep team in 1943. He possesses amazing poise on the gridiron and is a slashing runner, a fine passer and kicker. He is heralded as one of the greatest football players ever developed in Hawaii. While in the Army he played with the All-Stars, coached by Jock Sutherland. The last two seasons he played for the Leilehua Alumni and won recognition on the Pacific Coast in games with Portland, San Jose State and Fresno State.

Yonamine will be the first American boy of Japanese parents to break into major league football. Coach Buck Shaw expects to use the colorful Yonamine as a right halfback to give the Forty Niners the breakaway threat they needed last season. In this position he can also be used as a passing threat.

During the off season he works for a water supply company in Honolulu. He is single and favors sports for a hobby.

## FULLBACKS

**MASINI, LEONARD LEROY** Height 6'1/2" Weight 225

Was All-City, All-Valley and All-County for Fresno Technical High School before graduating in 1940. Entered Fresno State, playing two years at fullback before enlisting in the service in 1942. After spending 24 months overseas and receiving 10 battle stars and two Presidential Citations, he was discharged from the Army in 1945. Returned to Fresno State and was selected All-Conference fullback for the 1946 season.

This will be "Mickey's" first year of professional football. His work on offense has been a pleasant surprise for the coaching staff. For a big fellow he handles himself like a halfback. Like Standlee, he has great speed and can run. Watching from the sidelines, he is often mistaken for the "Big Chief." Defensively, he does a nice job backing up line and is a strong defender against passes. The only fault that the coaches find with his running is he forgets to lift his head when he crashes into a line. Coach Shaw feels that he will overcome this and when he does it will be difficult to stop him once he rambles into the open.

Like many of his teammates he is married. As a vocation he intends to coach. His biggest thrill in the service was

being strafed while aboard a troop transport bound for Africa. He likes to hunt and fish as a hobby. During the off season attends Fresno State to obtain his credential to teach and coach.

**ROBNETT, WILLIAM EDWARD** Height 5'8" Weight 205

Received his prep training at Cooper High School, Cooper, Texas, where he participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track. In 1938, he entered Texas A. & M., playing freshman football and one year of varsity. Left college to enter business, but after one year engaged in the teaching profession where he remained until 1944. In 1945, he enrolled at Texas Tech, receiving his degree in Agriculture two years later. While playing for Tech, Robnett was selected All-Conference fullback in 1946.

Forsaking the toil of the soil temporarily, Ed turned to the more arduous duties of playing professional football. His first appearance on the football field was a little disappointing to those who matched him with Norm Standlee. Being small and stocky he gave the appearance of a guard rather than a hard-hitting back. The first Forty Niner scrimmage dispelled the theory that Robnett was too small. Taking the ball, he bounced between tackle and guard in a manner that left little tackling surface to the opposing linemen and linebackers to work on. Once in the open, he showed fine speed and a neat change of pace. Defensively, he backs up the line well. Using his lack of height permits him to remain concealed behind his forward wall, making it difficult for offensive blockers to pick him off. He is able to sense plays developing which he capably prevents with devastating tackles. Possessed with all-around ability, his services will greatly enhance Coach Shaw's reserve strength.

Robnett is married and has a young daughter. His chief hobby is ranching and poultry raising. During the off season he is busy raising agricultural products.

**STANDLEE, NORMAN** Height 6'2" Weight 245

After his graduation from the Woodrow High School of Long Beach, California, where he was selected All-League fullback, he entered Stanford University. Appeared in the Rose Bowl game of 1941, and was generally selected on everyone's All-American team. Pro experience with Chicago Bears classified him as being the best fullback in football. Enlisted in the Army in 1942 and served 17 months in China-Burma Theatre. One of the first players signed when the Forty Niners first organized.

Dogged in the early part of the season with a painful knee injury, the "Big Chief" didn't come into his own until the Forty Niners defeated the powerful Browns in Cleveland 34-20. Again back in top playing condition, Norm continued on his merry way punching holes in the opposition's defensive wall. By the end of the season Standlee had boomed his running average to second place, topped only by "Spec" Sanders of the Yanks. He packed the ball 134 times for 651 yards, averaged 4.86 yards a play, credited with two touchdowns.

Defensively he excels as a line backer. Very adept in diagnosing plays, moves in fast for an attack and is a deadly tackler. His excessive speed and agility is an asset that affords him little trouble in defending against passes. The Forty Niners are laying odds that the "Big Chief" will lead the field of backs in the All-America Conference this season.

When not pounding the gridiron he lives and works in San Francisco. Norm gave up the idea of being a bachelor and married in the spring. His new manager gave the nod of approval when athletics were stressed as his hobby.

